doll yearbook

dreamtime

please allow me to introduce my beloved collection to you, my dear... This is a special edition of Dreamtime, issue no. 5, 2026, by Autumn White.

from my bookshelf to yours, beloved...

dolls

Marie
Acquired 2021
A perriot clown with lovely jingle-bells.

Hanbok Lady
Acquired 1999
A c. 1960 s silk doll on a wooden base. She was in my child-hood bedroom at my Grandmother

Sanguine
Acquired 2024
Porcelain and wire-boned cloth limbs. I purchased him because we had the same makeup on.

Kimono Lady
Acquired 1999
Another silk doll from my childhood bed-room. she sat oppo-site her Hanbok Lady counterpart behind

Sorrow
Acquired 2024
She has a firm plastic body and arms, but the rest of her is delicate unstuffed fabric. She and Sanguine sit nes-tled together.

Molly
Acquired 2025
Retrokid brand bag-charm of Molly from the Big Comfy Couch. I love her button details and corduroy shoes. Shes beautifully made and brings me a great deal of comfort on the go.

Christmas Baby
Acquired 2007
Purchased as a christ-mas decoration for my Oma s apartment in New York sometime in the 50 s. When I was old enough to be careful with her, I requested that she live in my room instead of my Oma s cedar dress-

Louie
Acquired 2021.
Gifted to me as a set of two with Marie. Louie and Marie are often used as pincusions thanks to their large, elegant hats.

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Big Ann
Acquired 2024
A very well-loved 60 cm doll. Her clothing isnt original— I tailored it to fit her. She has a large stain on her face and somebody her hair into a microbang fringe.

Big Andy
Acquired 2024
A nearly pristine 60cm doll. I chose him for his very cute plaid shirt and firm texture.

Little Ann
Aquired 2023
1973 Knickerbocker Raggedy Ann. I sewed a D ring to her fore-head to turn her into a bag charm, she goes everywhere with me!.

Little Andy
Acquired 2023
1973 Knickerbocker Raggedy Andy. I got him the same day as Little Ann; the shop-keeper charged me double bcause she could tell I loved him.

Usa Girl (or Usagi)
Aquired 2007
Usa was an unnamed hand-knit doll of my Mothers. She was in a bag filled with 60s plushies in my Omas garage, stowed under my Opas tool bench.

Lithuania Girl
Acquired 2009
A pale grey and lovely lady with stiff limbs and corse skin. My Uncle brought her back for me from one of his many trips.

Iran Girl
Acquired 2010
Another cloth rag doll, this one wearing silky clothing. She was an-other doll from my Uncles travels.

Yasha
Aquired 2025.
Yasha lived somewhere in my Omas house, but I didnt find her until going through my parents stor-age unit full of her things. I had her wigs in my desk drawer for most of my childhood, but I only got to meet miss Yasha last year!

I have no preference for soft-bodied or firm, porcelain or plastic, rag or ball-joint. I enjoy admiring all their faces and hands. I draw curved lines with one finger tip, tracing the arch across their brows and noses. While I adore them all, I have a special love for Raggedy Ann because of her association with mortuary art and her kind, loving candy heart.

The top image is a painting of the 1989 playskool baby Ann and Andys. The bottom image is just a portrait for fun!

she's just a rag doll, wishing your worries away...

1991 **2002**

I have a real burning desire for a Dress-Me Ann. I love the button, buckle, zipper, and lacing details... theyre meant to teach fine motor skills to kids! Dress-Mes have a wide variety of fasteners and fabric textures to help convey this lesson, which consequently makes them the most stylish versions of our beloved Annie.

dolls

Laurie
Acquired 2004
This doll has a vinyl head and hands, but the rest of her body is soft. I love to braid and brush her hair!

Perriot
Aquired 2025
I vividly remember saying to my best friend that I shouldnt buy any more Savers dolls. I saw him a few minutes later and carried him all around the store before taking him home.

Femur
Aquired 2022
Femur is a music box whose torso rocks in slow circles when he plays his silly tune. I often give him a pencil, rib bone, or paintbrush to hold!

Marrow
Acquired 2023
Marrows most distinguishing feature are their large, haunted, uncomprehending eyes.

Babette
Aquired 2025
Poor Babette! Shes so far from Paris...! Babette was gifted to me by a doll collector downsizing their collection. She is the perfect Babette counterpart for my Raggedy Anns.

Vicky
Acquired 2024
I found Vicky shattered in the doll section of Hope Thrift. I gently collected every porcelain shard and purchased her at sticker price (10 $) for the privilege of fixing her. She still has a missing piece in one cheek, but shes a cheerful sewing companion.

Melody
Acquired 2021
I resisted buying dolls when I still lived with my parents, but as soon as I had my own apartment I selected my first musical porcelain clown. I made them a fresh costume and named them that day. Melody has been at my bedside ever since.

Columbo
Aquired 2024
Columbo has unusually delicate and lovely eye makeup, and a single dark curl on their forehead. They were just one dollar at a thrift store in Felton, and they kept me company on the 3 hour bus ride home.

vicky was shattered when i found her

The damage is mostly hidden by her new wig, but you can still see a few hairline fissures across her face and the missing chip on her cheek. I have a lot of trouble turning away broken dolls, or soft toys in need of repair. I know that not everyone has the time, space, or desire to fix them, and as silly as it is sometimes my heart aches for the ones I know wont find a home.

dolls and cats

Malady
Acquired 2023
Sometimes people ask me if any of my dolls are haunted. I always say no, and I think thats true! However, if I had to pick a most likely candidate, it would be Malady.

Catknight Una
Fabricated 2025
I made five of these 1.5m rag dolls for an exhibition. I hand-dyed the fabrics, screenprinted their coifs and faces, and handsewed every doll. I knit Una a sweater— theyre quite thin and might get cold!

Catknight Secudus
Fabricated 2025
Secundus is a little shorter than the others, with heavier clubbed limbs and a cross medallion. Their arms sit lower on their shoulders, making them slouch a little.

Catknight Tertius
Fabricated 2025
Tertius has the longest, thinnest limbs and tends to flop over into languid poses. They could do with some starching next time they bathe...

Catknight Quartis
Fabricated 2025
Quartis has a nice thick embroidered belt that keeps their back straight. Such lovely posture!

Mordred
Acquired 2018
The plushie of Theseus! I have been patching and darning Mordreds very delicate cotton hide since purchasing him. He reminded me of my cat Buttercup shortly after her passing, and I think of her when I repair him.

Jupiters Baby
Fabricated 2023
Rag doll for my cat, Jupiter. My embroidery skills could use some work, but he has a sort of rustic charm— dont you think?

Jupiters Other Baby
Fabricated 2023
I couldnt resist making a brother for Jupiters Baby! Every Ann needs their Andy, after all. Truthfully, Jupiter is ambivalent about both dolls, but I like them an awful lot.

cats and dogs

Huckle Cat
Acquired 2025
Huckle Cat is from Richard Scarrys Busy World series. The wooden wheels on his car move! Imagine that!

Honig
Acquired 2013
I bought this wonderful beast at Fanime. Hes wonderfully plump and round, with such lovely little paws! I think youll agree that hes a charming toy.

Hobbes
Acquired 2022
He was the last plushie at an estate sale. He reminded me so much of my Lancelot (check the Bears section of this book). I coudnt bear to see him thrown out. I bought him for two dollars and took him home.

Sasha
Acquired 2007
Poor Sasha! Shes endured so much. Her fur is worn down from petting and holding her paws, and I pierced her poor ears with dangling hoops. What a patient kitty.

Splat Cat
Acquired 2003
Splat is a beanie baby who I used to delight in hurtling towards the ceiling in joyful anticipation of his firm SPLAT against the linoleum floor. I still like to jiggle him in my hand to hear the scattering sand inside!

Jupiter
Acquired 2023
Hey, how did you get in here!? Youre not filled with fluff, youre filled with minnows and farts! Jupiter is a former stray and the apple of my eye.

Wolfie
Acquired 2006
Wolfie was another auspicious gift from my travelling uncle. When he handed Wolfie to me, I immediately layed underneath the doll to shut out all the light and noise of the party. Its strange to think I used to be his size.

Snoopy
Acquired 1999
A carnival toy based on Snoopy. He was my moms. His lovely orange bow and dashing aviator goggles are in mint condition.

Interesting Folks at the Alameda Antique Fair

Pleased to meet you!

bunnies and bugs

Abigail
Acquired 2001
I named her after a cat we once had, but who I sadly dont remember. Abigails perriot costume is very soft and silky— shes always cool to the touch.

Miffy Bag
Acquired 2024
Miffy purse! Oh boy! This is the miffy purse! If I am a little skittish I cram my phone and wallet in miffys stomach and hold her tight while I run errands. Thanks for being a good sport, Miffy.

Fiver
Acquired 2025
Fiver has a squeaker inside, so he was probably a dog toy.

...I still like to squeak him.

Sunrabbit
Acquired 2001
Sunrabbit has a counterpart from the same mysterious toy company. Theres no name, just a sun with four colored squares behind it.

Charlie
Acquired 2020
Charlie has a music box inside. He was missing both eyes when my best friend gave him to me, which I joyfully replaced with mismatched buttons. I gave him my little gold locket from grade school. Whats inside it? A printed photo of Inuyasha.

Honeybee
Acquired 1999
Honeybee lived on my omas couch along with another stuffed bee and a Picachu plush . Honeybees wings zip open and shut. His feelers are thin and floppy, but his legs are very robust. All the better to dance with, no?

Lowly Worm
Acquired 2025
Lowly Worm is from Richard Scarrys Busy World. My mom bought one of these first, and I told her I was seething with envy. She gifted me my own Lowly Worm a few weeks later!

Cuddly Boopworm
Acquired 1999
God bless this worm. Hes totally thrashed— he must have the patience of a saint. I think hes got an unusual color scheme for a pre-K toy... strangely Scene, or possibly Ska. He was a favorite of mine for a very, very long time.

I wash more contemporary, durable plushies once or twice a year--- sometimes more if they live on my bed full-time. Delicate plushies are cleaned by hand with a warm wet wash cloth and gentle detergent. VERY old plushies have their innards removed and are washed in their empty old pruny skins, then re-stuffed with hypoallergenic polyfill. I check them over for repairs every few months and fix their knicks and scratches when I mend my own clothes.

creatures

Roan Inish
Acquired 2002
Roan Inish has wire in her limbs, making her very posable. She reminds me of Charlie Bear plush toys, and a book called the Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane.

Bigbug
Acquired 2024
The deep sea isopod is my favorite animal in the world. I think they must lead very calm lives, eating detritus at the bottom of the sea.

Wilbur
Acquired 2023
I purchased Wilbur from the Monterrey Bay Aquarium after seeing their new Deep Sea exhibit. I nearly cried, sea pigs are such cute animals, and so rare to see sculptures of! Say oink, Wilbur!

David Lynch
Acquired 2016
You remind me today of an enigmatic auteur! David has a large squishy head and unreadable smile that reminded me of the eraserhead baby.

Bittybug
Acquired 2023
Bittybug spends most of his time perched on Bigbugs back. Its unclear to me if Bittybug is Bigbugs baby, or some kind of freeloader hoping to munch on Bigbugs lunch. Dont worry, theres enough whalefall for everybody!

Blahaj
Acquired 2023
I dont own any pride flags, but I do have Blahaj!

Winnifred
Acquired 2025
I visited Winnifred for several months at Toy Safari in Alameda before buying them. I loved them from afar and bought them as a treat for surviving my first year of graduate school.

Harbor
Acquired 2008
We went to Sea World and the San Diego Zoo once when I was a kid. I know I got a bright red panda sweater there, and I think I got Harbor at the same time. I used to keep her in my backpack at school.

winifred at the toy safari before their rescue. hold the line, winifred!

More often than not, I just take a photo of a cute doll or plush and move on. Winifred was different--- I couldnt get over the cable around their stomach! During really difficult times in my first graduate semester I would daydream about finally cutting them down and taking them home. When I finally bought them, I cried! I stopped masking completely and genuinely thanked the toy store employee for their service and told him his work is very important. The guy seemed charmed, if a little confused. He asked what I would have done if someone else had bought them in the months Id been visiting. I told him truthfully that I would have just been happy to see them cut down from the zip ties!

Winifred now lives on my bed full time.

creatures

Winter
Acquired 2011
Winter is a pillow pet with little tiny fins that would not be able to support her in water. Thus, I determined Winter must be disabled and I would watch Dolphin Tale (2011) with her!

Dusty
Acquired 2024
Dusty is a massive Southern Whipray plush blanket hybrid. Hes gigantic, floppy, and tried his best to sit for a portrait. Hes a friend favorite— everybody likes cuddling with Dusty.

Edgar
Acquired 2022
Poor beloved Edgar the Warmie. Hes microwaved once a day and gently perfumed with lavender oil every month. He lives a life of spoiled luxury... but he never gets a moment alone!

Doppler
Acquired 2010
Doppler is from the Aquarium. He smallish, soft, and smells like warm dusty wood because of all the time he spent on my bookshelf.

Sunny
Acquired 2010
My favorite tank at the Aquarium is the Open Ocean tank— partially because they used to have a sunfish. This sunfish came from the gift shop, and has a pocket for a mouth that fits exactly one lip smacker chapstick perfectly.

Puff
Acquired 2004
I cant remember if Puff was my brothers dragon first, or if he was always mine. Hes a Folkmans puppet with a long, silly felt tongue. My cat Jupiter is deeply suspicious of this toy, because he knows Puff sometimes moves!

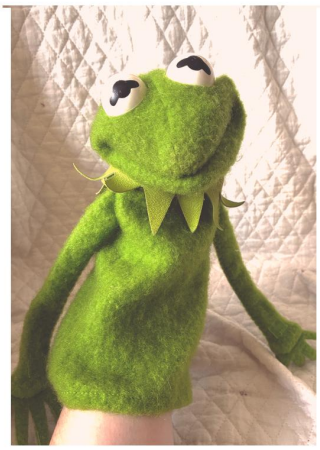
Dino (Dee-no)
Acquired 1999
Dinos favorite song is Proper Cup of Coffee by Trout Fishing in America. He enjoys staring out the window and sitting in sunbeams, and if he had hands, I think hed be the type to do the daily crossword in pen.

Irwin
Acquired 2008
Irwin has a very chic reversable jacket, and at some point she had a little baby that went in her front pouch. I regret to inform you all that I lost it during my 2020 move. I feel a twinge of guilt just thinking about it! Would it be rude to make her a baby-clone?

creatures

Wick
Acquired 2019
Wick is an art doll from the Labyrinth movie. His limbs and head are detachable with velcro! I dont have the heart to dissect him personally, but Jupiter is always running off with his leg.

Funnelcake
Acquired 2025
My beloved won this for me in a game of skill and chance at the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk. Funnelcake is very, very silly, and always makes me crave county fair food!



Kermit
Roommates since 1999
Kermit the frog is a real guy, He lived on my Omas couch for a long time. Hes now living at my apartment. Hes great, but he takes up HOURS in the bathroom putting rollers in. He doesnt even have hair, I dont get it!

Bart
Acquired 2024
Oh my god... its him! Its really him... BART! Bart was made by a designer in Oakland and can be purchased on the Railgoods website. I saw a photo of him online and was sick with envy... I love Bart!

Olliphant
Acquired 1999
Brother to Sunbunny! Both have the same mysterious origins and soft, lovely texture. Olliphant has a golf-ball-sized circular noise-maker in his middle that I used to imagine was his stomach. Apparently, his favorite food is bells.

Eowynn
Acquired 2005
Eowynn has a soft, brushable mane and a stocky, sturdy little body. Sometimes I put my porcelain jesters on her back for display. Such a strong girl!

Amalthea
Acquired 2006
Amalthea used to sit on my windowsill, which I had superstitiously lined with salt. As such, her poor silken feet are calloused with salt crystals.

Phillip
Acquired 2018
I bought him on a birthday trip to the petting zoo with my best friend. I was entranced by the patterns involved in sewing his tender hooves!

lambs and bears

Bela
Acquired 2024
Bela is an art doll that we found at the Oddities and Curiosities Expo. He has large, impressive fangs and a mysterious, dashing personality.

Oblio
Acquired 2024
Oblio is a Folkmans puppet that I met at a charity shop in Halfmoon Bay. It was love at first sight: I couldnt resist his congenial, blythe little smile and complicated patterning!

Precious
Fabricated 2024
Precious is a hand sewn screenprinted art doll. I made her with microwavable organs— hearts, stomachs, or livers. This precious has a heart, and she loves to be toatsed and wished upon in the microwave.

Withered Precious
Fabricated 2024
This precious caught on fire in the microwave during my art school critique. This was intentional- I left a secret silk pin in her back! It made for a wonderful performance, and I love the singed markings along her spine.

Lancelot
Acquired 2007
Lancelot is named after the bear in Labyrinth. I found him in that plastic bag in the garage that Usa Girl was in. Once upon a time he was pale pink, but thats entirely faded now. But just few weeks ago, I made him these pink pajamas! So Handsome!

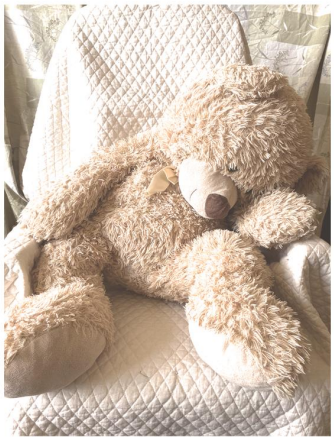
Gawain
Acquired 2019
Gawain is another vaguely Charlie-Bears esque doll, but hes from build a bear. He smells like vanilla cupcakes! I had a lot of fun doing the heart ceremony at the mall store.

Noah
Acquired 2025
It took me a long time and a lot of heartache to complete my double-major BA Archaeology and BFA Illustration degrees. Noah was a very sweet gift from my parents to commemorate that!

Westley
Acquired 2024
Westley is from a Hospice thrift store in Martinez. Hes a very heavy bear filled with sand, and he has hinged posable limbs. His construction and weight were so unusual I brought him home with me!

bears

Aether
Acquired 2017
Aether is sporting a thrifted waistcoat and a crochet boquet of violets my Omas mother (my great-grandmother) made.



Peter
Acquired 2016
This poor boy has been so thoroughly loved on that his head wont stand up and hes fraying at the seams. Hang in there, Peter dear, I have more love to give!

Arthur
Acquired 2023
Arthur is another estate sale doll who needed extensive repairs. He has brand new filling, his fur has been carded and fluffed, and he has a new embroidered nose.

Herring
Acquired 2024
This poor baby had a long, rusty nail driven through his chest. I bought him just to remove the damn thing and sew his chest closed. He leads a peaceful life on my bookshelf.

Willoughby
Acquired 2025
Willoughby is from the Alameda Antique Fair. The lovely lady running the toy both agreed that hes somebodys baby— a custom one of a kind doll, made by hand. He has the same joint style as Westley, and two bright button eyes.

I am a doll, toy, and trinket collector.

When I aquire pieces for my collection I am selecting for quality craftsmanship, rare sculpts for faces and bodies, unusually worn or damaged pieces, and lots of textural details. I love these little sculptures, and I love how pervasive they are in our everyday lives. As an archaeologist, one of the most exciting things for me to find are doll and toy fragments- theyre evidence of domesticity, play, and joy across generations. In my free time, I like to visit these little creatrures at toy stores and in the home decor areas of thrift shops. I have a tendancy to hyper personify objects, making these excersions and excavations feel like going to the zoo. I pet them, move them around, take their photograph, and wish them good luck in finding a more permanent residence.

This is a yearbook of my personal collection, organized roughly by species. I include their names, the year I aquired them, and a description of their place in my life or home. I have also included some photographs of toys in-situ at their stores or roaming wild around antique fairs.

It is with all the love and warmth in my heart that I present for your consideration my collection of soft treasures.

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